

MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MANITOWOC COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

6:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 59.04, the County Board of Supervisors of Manitowoc County, Wisconsin convened in open session at the Heritage Center, in the City of Manitowoc, being the 17th day of August 2021, for the purpose of transacting business as a Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Brey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Vogt gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by the entire assemblage.

Roll call: 22 members present: Baumann, Behnke, Brey, Cavanaugh, Engelbrecht, Falkowski, Gerroll, Hagen, Hansen, Henrickson, Linsmeier, Maresh, Martell, Metzger, Muench, Neils, Nickels, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Vogt, Wagner, and Zimmer. Supervisors Aulik, Dyzak, and Williams were excused.

On a motion by Supervisor Behnke, seconded by Supervisor Sitkiewitz, the July 20, 2021 meeting minutes were approved on a unanimous vote.

Chairperson Brey announced there were no changes to the agenda.

REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS, OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer and Chairperson Brey presented a Proclamation Honoring the Mishicot Girls' Varsity Softball Team Division 4 State Champions. Assistant Coach Becky Armbruster, Players Maddie Dokey and Abby Garceau thanked the County Board for the proclamation.

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer and Chairperson Brey presented a Proclamation Commemorating the Life and Service of Joseph Dworak Jr to Mrs. Dworak.

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer and Chairperson Brey presented a Proclamation Commemorating the Life and Service of Lester W. Koeppel to Mrs. Koeppel.

County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer and Chairperson Brey presented Proclamation Declaring September as Juror Appreciation Month.

Leah Lasecki, CLA Manager referenced the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that laid out the responsibilities of the Auditors and that of County management regarding Financial Statements, internal controls and reporting responsibilities. Ms. Lasecki drew attention to four main points. The first was the unassigned category (amount not earmarked for different purposes) under the General Funds showed a balance of \$2,401,375, which was an increase of \$633,078 from 2019. The second was the Human Services funds under the Special Revenue Funds increased by \$615,588. The increase in funds comes from the State and Federal Government contributing more funds towards the Human Services Department than the County had budgeted for. The third a conservative and well managed budget. The fourth was properly managing the long-term obligation debt. Ms. Lasecki stated that from a debt perspective the county is in strong financial condition. Overall the county had a very strong financial year with limited finding or issues.

PUBLIC INPUT – OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS

Chairperson Brey declared public comment open at 7:00 p.m.

Natasha Kahn, spoke on behalf of Lakeshore United Visionaries regarding a facebook post by Supervisor Williams. She believes the words within the statement made by Williams were outdated, inflammatory and offensive, and as an elected official there is no excuse for his ignorant choice of words. She hopes the County Board will take time to discuss Williams conduct. She also encouraged the County to develop a code of ethics or conduct to address this type of situation.

Darian Kaderabek, City of Manitowoc, believes an elected official should be a leader and the comments made by Supervisor Williams should not have been made as a leader. She expressed concerns about the outdated terms used in society that effect the kids of color. She works with children and their families in the community. She expressed their fear of going out because they do not want to be called these negative words. She wants the leaders to lead in an ethical manner and show good leadership for the kids in our community.

No one else present wished to speak, subsequently Chairperson Brey closed public input at 7:07 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Chairperson Brey presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointments of Todd Bergmann, Amy John, and Alternate Debbie Holschbach to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for a two-year term expiring September 2023. Supervisor Falkowski moved, seconded by Supervisor Neils to approve the appointments. Upon voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS ON MEETINGS, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Board of Health: Supervisor Nickels gave a brief report.

Expo-Ice Center Board: Supervisor Cavanaugh gave a brief report.

Finance Committee: Supervisor Hansen gave a brief report.

Supervisor Hansen moved, seconded by Supervisor Muench to adopt Resolution 2021/2022-22 Denying Claim (Tim Schmidt). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Highway Committee: Supervisor Behnke gave a brief report.

Personnel Committee: Supervisor Maresh gave a brief report.

Supervisor Maresh moved, seconded by Supervisor Behnke to adopt Resolution 2021/2022-23 Establishing County Executive Compensation for 2022-2026 Term.

Amendment: Supervisor Hagen moved, seconded by Supervisor Zimmer to amend Resolution 2021/2022-23 to decrease the County Executive's proposed salary increase from 5% to 2%. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the motion failed 3 ayes and 19 noes. Supervisors Baumann, Behnke, Brey, Cavanaugh, Engelbrecht, Gerroll, Hansen, Henrickson, Linsmeier, Maresh, Martell, Metzger, Muench, Neils, Nickels, Shimulunas, Sitkiewitz, Vogt, and Wagner voted no; all other supervisors voted yes.

Discussion took place on the main motion to adopt Resolution 2021/2022-23 Establishing County Executive Compensation for 2022-2026 Term. Upon vote, the motion carried 20 ayes and 2 noes. Supervisors Hagen and Zimmer voted no; all other supervisors voted yes.

Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll gave a brief report.

Transportation Coordinating Committee: Supervisor Baumann gave a brief report.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Gerroll moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Neils, and the motion was adopted by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Manitowoc County Clerk